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== "IT'S NOT A HOME TILL IT'S PLANTED" ==

# THE THUMB NURSERY

R. J. RASMUSSEN & SONS

Nursery, Greenhouses and Orchards

MARLETTE, MICHIGAN

Centrally Located in the "Thumb" of Michigan



PLANT IN 1923!

== MAKE AN ATTRACTIVE HOME IN AN ATTRACTIVE COMMUNITY ==

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# OWNERS OF HOMES AND FARMS

DEAR HOME-OWNERS: You should have every reason to be proud of your homes. Have you overlooked anything that detracts or is lacking about the place? Is your home limited to the four walls of the house, or to the outer dimensions of your lot? It may be all furnished on the inside, but the outside needs furnishing, too.

“IT’S NOT A HOME  
TILL IT’S PLANTED”

The price of a piece of furniture for the inside will accomplish wonders if invested in **SHRUBS** and **PLANTS** for the outside. It is just as important that the surroundings for a house are attractive as the house itself. Shrubs and Plants become prettier every year.

Make yours an attractive home and maintain this, “THE ATTRACTIVE COMMUNITY.”

Yours for Successful Growing,

R. J. RASMUSSEN & SONS.

## FRUIT TREES

The Farm Orchard is on the decline mainly because it is subject to the unchecked ravages of pests and diseases. The average farm orchard that is in bearing now contains too many varieties of each class of fruit to be efficient. This opens a greater field for the commercial orchard.

Care for the trees you have by proper spraying and pruning; replace the ones that have died out.

We offer you Standard varieties at the following prices:

	Size	Each	10
APPLES . . . . .	4-5 ft.	\$ .90	\$ 8.00
CHERRIES . . . . .	4-5 ft.	1.35	12.00
PEARS . . . . .	4-5 ft.	1.15	10.00
PLUMS . . . . .	4-5 ft.	1.25	11.00
PEACHES . . . . .	4-5 ft.	.60	5.00
QUINCES . . . . .	3-4 ft.	1.25	

FRUIT TREES SHOULD BE ORDERED EARLY!

## BERRY PLANTS

Every garden should have a patch of berries. You will enjoy them fresh when picked from your own plants.

	Each	10	100	1,000
CURRANTS . . . . .	\$ .35	\$3.00		
GOOSEBERRIES . . . . .	.30	2.50		
GRAPES—Moore's Early .	.30	2.50		
RED RASPBERRIES—				
✓ Cuthbert . . . . .		.40	\$3.00	\$20.00
✓ St. Regis, Everbearing.		.60	4.00	
BLACK RASPBERRIES..		.40	3.00	20.00
BLACKBERRIES . . . . .		.90	7.00	
STRAWBERRIES—				
✓ Brandywine . . . . .			1.00	8.00
✓ Dunlap . . . . .			.80	6.00

We cannot recommend Everbearing Strawberries except under ideal conditions, so we do not list them. The crickets and grasshoppers usually get the ripe ones.

BERRIES FOR CANNING IN SEASON.

## SHADE TREES

MAPLES give the quickest permanent results—50c to \$1.00 each.

AMERICAN ELM, the most graceful of our native trees—75c to \$1.25 each.

HORSE CHESTNUT, a splendid specimen tree—\$1.50 each.

NORWAY SPRUCE or EVERGREEN—good as a wind break or for specimen planting—75c and up.

## PLANTING ARRANGEMENT

A good planting arrangement gives a pleasing setting for a home and brings out the attractive features of the house. You will never regret the cost because it will stimulate your pride of ownership every time you look at it.

## SHRUBS

Shrubs, as a rule, should be planted close to the house to round out the corners and to give the effect of merging the house with the lawn. There are some pretty combinations of shrubs planted in groups that add very much in creating a pleasing surrounding. Avoid straight, systematic planting as much as possible except in hedges.

BARBERRY, JAPANESE—Individual bushes are dense, round, low-growing. Suitable for grouping or hedges, also as specimens—40c each; \$3.50 for 10.

BUDDLEIA—Also called Summer Lilac. Fragrant lavender lilac-like clusters throughout summer—50c each.

DEUTZIA — Several varieties, covered with clusters of white flowers in spring; grows low to medium—60c each.

HONEYSUCKLE, TARTARIAN — A tall bush covered with small white or pink flowers in spring and red berries during the summer. Well adapted for filling large spaces and for background planting—60c each.

HYDRANGEA, HARDY — A medium growing shrub. Planted in front of others as it is not a good specimen variety. Large balls of white flowers

late in summer till frost. The dried flowers are used for winter bouquets—70c each.

**HYDRANGEA, SNOWBALL**—Similar to ordinary Hydrangea, but well adapted to shady places—70c each.

**GOLDEN ELDER**—Yellow leaves give contrast in groups; tall—70c each.

**LILAC**—Purple and White. Well known. Good for backgrounds—60c each.

**SYRINGA or MOCK ORANGE**—Flowers resemble orange blossoms; very fragrant; flowers in May and June; medium tall—60c each.

**SNOWBERRY**—Medium growing. White berries during summer—60c each.

**SPIREA, THE FAVORITE SHRUB FOR PLANTING AROUND THE HOUSE AND LAWN**—It is pretty wherever you use it. Well adapted to nearly every condition. It presents a solid mass of white flowers every spring. Its graceful shape is pleasing throughout the season when it is not in flower—60c each; \$5.00 for 10.

**WEIGELA**—Several varieties. Blossom all summer; medium and tall growing; very thrifty—75c each.

**PRIVET, ENGLISH**—A perfectly hardy plant for hedges that can be trimmed to any shape—\$3.00 for 10; \$22.50 for 100.

In planting shrubs, each should be given a space of three feet; the larger ones four feet. A general rule in planting shrubs is to have the taller ones for a background and placing the smaller ones in front of them, giving a gradual decline in height. There are shrubs that blossom and are showy for every season and they should be arranged so this will give the most noticeable effect.

**ROSES** require a great deal of attention, but the results are well worth the effort. Bush \$1.00 each. Climbing 80c each.

We are only listing the more common varieties of Shrubs. We handle all varieties and will advise if these varieties are hardy enough to endure our winters.

**THE BEST PLANTING SEASON IS APRIL AND EARLY MAY. PLACE ORDERS NOW!**

## **CLIMBING VINES**

**BOSTON IVY**—For stone or brick walls—50c each.

**VIRGINIA CREEPER**—For wooden walls, trellises or fences—45c each.

**HONEYSUCKLE**—For trellis covering—60c each.

## **FLOWERS—PLANTS**

Flowers brighten the garden with their many colors and abundant blooming. We use only the best seed we can buy, assuring you of better success.

**ASTERS**—25c per dozen.

**PANSIES**—30c per dozen, in bud and bloom.

**SALVIA**—\$1.00 per dozen.

**ZINNIAS**—25c per dozen.

**CANNAS**, in pots—20c each.

**GERANIUMS**—25c each.

**HANGING BASKETS** and **PORCH BOXES**—We have a good assortment of vines and plants for this purpose. Planted Hanging Baskets should be **ORDERED EARLY**. We can fill your Baskets or Boxes.

**BULBS**—The earliest flowers in the spring come from bulbs. These **MUST BE PLANTED IN THE FALL**. Prices and varieties will be advertised in the Marlette Leader about October first, or given on application. We take orders for Bulbs at that time.

## **VEGETABLE PLANTS**

**TOMATO PLANTS**—Bonny Best and Burbank—Twice transplanted, stocky plants with strong roots—25c per dozen. This is our specialty and we have an ever-increasing number of customers for our Tomato Plants, which proves that they are good ones.

For **EXTRA EARLY TOMATOES** we have some in 3-inch pots at \$1.00 per dozen.

**CABBAGE**—Early, 15c per dozen; \$1.00 per 100.

**CABBAGE**—Late, 10c per dozen; 75c per 100; \$4.50 per 1,000.

**CAULIFLOWER**—Early, 25c per dozen.

**PEPPER**—25c per dozen.



# SPRAY MATERIALS

If you wish to pick sound fruit and keep your fruit trees alive, you cannot side-step the Spraying of your orchard.

## We Handle SPRAY MATERIALS

Not for the profit but to make  
SPRAYING a general practice.

Information about Spraying on request.

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Lansing, Mich., Sept. 2, 1922.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That I have examined the nursery stock of R. J. RASUMSEN & SONS, Marlette, Mich., and find it apparently free from dangerous insects and dangerously contagious tree and plant diseases.

This certificate to be void after July 31, 1923.

Bureau of Foods and Standards,  
W. P. Hartman, Director.

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On All Occasions

At All Seasons

You Can Get  
**Cut Flowers and  
Flowering Plants**

AT OUR GREENHOUSE

Throughout the Year

We Can Make or Furnish  
**Floral Designs**

You Are Always Welcome  
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**The Thumb Nursery**  
Marlette, Michigan